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SUBJ: MEETING WITH COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO

1. SUMMARY: IN A MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AGREED TO AMB YOUNG'S OFFER TO HOST A LUNCH IN PRESIDENT ODUBER'S HONOR ON OCTOBER 21. FACIO ASID THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL IS COMING ALONG BUT THAT A MJAORITY IS "FAR AWAY". YOUNG DISCUSSED THE NIGERIAN SECURITY COUNCIL CANDIDACY. ON BELIZE, FACIO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE US POSITION AND URGED US TO TELL GUATEMALA THEY CANNOT COUNT ON OUR SUPPORT. HE SAID GUATEMALA IS THINKING ABOUT INVADING THE SOUTHERN REGION OF BELIZE. FACIO SAID HE LIKED THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH VERY MUCH. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CARIBBEAN. ON OCTOBER 7, AMB YOUNG AND MISOFF
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CALLED ON COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AND PERMREP SALAZAR AT FACIO'S REQUEST. FACIO SAID EVERYONE HAD BEEN VERY HAPPY WITH YOUNG'S VISIT TO SAN JOSE. YOUNG BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE CONTINUING USG FOCUS ON THE CARIBBEAN ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED DURING HIS CARIBBEAN TRIP. FACIO NOTED THAT HE AND PRESIDENT ODUBER ARE PLANNING A ONE-DAY VISIT TO PORT-OF-SPAIN NEXT MONTH IN AN EFFORT TO SOFTEN

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S OPPOSITION TO VENEZUELAN INVOLVEMENT IN CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. YOUNG COMMENTED THAT WE TOO ARE SEEKING TO DEAL WITH WILLIAMS' CONCERNS AND THAT TREASURY HAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GO AHEAD WITH THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO STEEL MILL, WHICH WILL COME ON LINE IN 1985 WHEN AN INCREASED CAPACITY WILL BE DESIRABLE. YOUNG ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN CARIBBEAN LEADERS AS A BASIS FOR COOPERATION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT ODUBER. IN RESPONSE TO FACIO'S NOTING THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 18 AND WILL ADDRESS THE GA ON OCTOBER 20, YOUNG OFFERED TO HOST A LUNCH FOR HIM SO THAT HE CAN SPEAK TO US OPINION-MAKERS. FACIL AGREED WITH PLEASURE. (THE LUNCH IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 21 AT YOUNG'S RESIDENCE.)

4. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER. FACIO SAID THINGS WERE COMING ALONG ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL BUT THAT A MAJORITY THIS YEAR IS "FAR AWAY". HE NOTED INCREASING SUPPORT INCLUDING: BOLIVIA, GUATEMALA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND SPAIN. FACIO SAID HE DIDN'T THINK HE WAS READY TO PRESS THE BATTLE THIS YEAR AS THE ISSUE IS NOT YET "MATURE", HOWEVER, HE THINKS IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO "INTRODUCE" A RESOLUTION. FACIO AGREED TO YOUNG'S
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SUGGESTION THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO "TIE DOWN" THE PROPOSAL AT NEXT APRIL'S ECOSOC MEETING WHERE THE SMALLER MEMBERSHIP IS MORE MANAGEABLE.

5. NIGERIAN SECURITY COUNCIL CANDIDACY. YOUNG COMMENTED ABOUT THE OBVIOUS CONTRIBUTION THAT NIGERIA COULD MAKE IF IT WERE TO BE ELECTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND NOTED THE OBSTACLES TO ITS ELECTION THIS YEAR. FACIO INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF THIS, BUT NOTED THAT THE DECISION MUST COME FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP.

6. BELIZE. EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE BELIZE ISSUE, FACIO SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN. YOUNG SAID THAT HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE US POSITION ON BELIZE. FACIO AGREED, STATING THAT THE US HAS "THE MOST INFLUENCE" ON THE QUESTION. FACIO AGREED WITH YOUNG'S COMMENT THAT THE NEXT GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA WILL BE MORE MILITANT AND DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH THAN THE PRESENT ONE. YOUNG SAID THE US TENDENCY IS TO WANT SOME TERRITORIAL CESSION NOW SO THE ISSUE CAN BE SETTLED. FACIO SAID THAT HE HAD A "FEELING" THAT THE BELIZEANS WOULD AGREE TO CEDE A SMALL CORRIDOR SOUTH OF THE

MOHO RIVER AND DESCRIBED THE PRESENT BELIZEAN REFUSAL TO AGREE TO ANY CESSION AS "GOOD TACTICS".

7. FACIO SAID HE HAD "INSISTED" TO TODMAN THAT WE MAKE CLEAR TO GATEMALA, IF WE HAVEN'T ALREADY, THAT THEY CANNOT COUNT ON OUR BACKING. FACIO SAID UK PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED OWEN TO TELL THE GOG FLATLY THAT THE "CORRIDOR" PROPOSAL IS THE LAST ONE, AND, THAT IF THEY DON'T ACCEPT IT, THE UK WILL START THE INDEPENDENCE PROCESS (WHICH WILL TAKE FROM 4-8 MONTHS). THE UK WANTS TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM THIS YEAR. IF GUATEMALA ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL, FACIO WILL HELP TO CONVINCE THE BELIZEANS TO GO ALONG.

8. FACIO SAID THE GUATEMALANS ARE THINKING OF INVADING
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BELIZE AND OCCUPYING THE SOUTHERN REGION, WHERE THE MOUNTAINS MAKE IT EASIER TO ESCAPE FROM BRITISH AIRCRAFT. YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT FACIO MEET WITH HABIB. (THAT MEETING ON OCTOBER 7 IS REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.)

9. THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. FACIO SAID HE HAD LIKED THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH VERY MUCH, IN PARTICULAR THE EMPHASIS ON DISARMAMENT. YOUNG NOTED THAT THE USG WAS GETTING "AHEAD" OF THE US PUBLIC ON SOME ISSUES AND THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO TALK HERE ABOUT THINGS THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT ABOUT.
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